

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.  
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Invention: ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC TRIAL HAVING A CONTROLLABLY SEPARABLE DISTAL END

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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<b>Total Claims</b>	20	- 21 =	0	x 52.00	0.00
<b>Independent Claims</b>	2	- 3 =	0	x 220.00	0.00
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					
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 Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-1095 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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